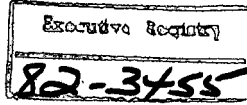


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Honorable Strom Thurmond, Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It is my understanding that S. 2552, the "Intelligence Personnel Protection Act," recently has been referred to and currently is pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee. I am writing to personally urge you to expedite consideration of this most important piece of legislation.

This Bill will close a critical gap in the Federal Criminal Statutes by making it a federal crime to murder, manslaughter or otherwise assault an officer or employee of the Intelligence Community as well as other specifically mentioned persons of interest to the Intelligence Community. As things stand now, such criminal acts would be handled outside the purview of federal criminal authorities. Treatment of this legislation, correcting a serious and incongruous omission in current law, before the 4 July recess would allow sufficient time for the Bill to be scheduled for Senate floor action and subsequent treatment by the House. I sincerely appreciate your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

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William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

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